

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 have been canceled.

Claim 20 has been added. Support for claim 20 can be found in original claims 1 and 4.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claim 20 will be pending.

In the Office Communication dated December 27, 2006, the Examiner asserts that claims 15-19 are directed to an invention that is independent and distinct from the invention originally claimed.

Claims 15-19 have been canceled.

New claim 20 has been submitted, which is directed to the subject matter of original claims 1 and 4. Applicants submit that claim 20 is directed to the invention that was constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Entry and favorable consideration is requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Response to Office Communication

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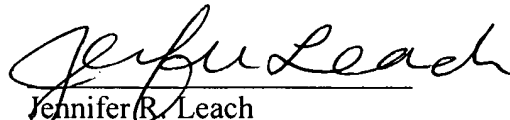
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